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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL ON WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE ANNOUNCEMENT

"Communities with more robust wireless coverage are better equipped to compete. That is why the Federal Communications Commission should take steps to help state and local jurisdictions navigate new technologies and develop consistent policies to promote their deployment.

"On that score, today's announcement is real progress. I am particularly grateful that the Commission will be moving forward with my earlier proposal to craft model rules for broadband and wireless facility siting for state and local governments. These off-the-rack model ordinances should help harmonize President Obama's Executive Order 13616 for facility siting on federal land and property, wireless facility policies in Section 6409 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act, and the Commission's existing shot clock rules for tower siting. By streamlining this process with model rules we can provide a way forward for state and local governments looking to oversee deployments within their borders. But more than that—we can make progress by promoting a more predictable set of laws all across the country."

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